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You don't have to look very long before you will see the sticker. It's usually on the back window of a slightly older sports car. It's usually scribbled out in red "No Fear". They are indicating that they live so far on the Edge of life that they have No Fear of anything. We do live in a "no fear" society. Especially when it comes to the things of God you talk about something that is foreign to today's society, its not homosexuality, abortion, drug abuse, sky diving, cliff jumping. No these are run of the mill but a fear of God, now that's unheard of. God suppose to be the big teddy bear in the sky, that wants to give the whole world a big sloppy kiss. ~~That's contrary to~~ what we find here in Luke 2:1-5. Plainly God is a God to be

I. The Fear of Disclosure vs 1-3 - From the judgment seat of Christ to the Great White throne, all should fear the revealing eyes of an Omniscient God. All Fear: Sir, author C. Doyle (Dobson) sent 5 friends telegrams "All has been A. That Which is Cleverly Concealed will be Candidly Revealed

vs 2. In these stinging and intimidating words we find Jesus targeting the Pharisees sin of hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is one who wears a mask, or disguise to cover up their true appearance. Jesus is warning that their clever masks that cover sin before the eyes of mortal man will not hold up before the eyes of almighty God. We think shame on these Pharisees, but don't we do the same things. Don't we all at a very young age become

cover up artists. Uncovering a gift and making sure all looked untouched, whether under the bed, dresser drawers, hard drive, or one has missing money. No matter how clever, <sup>③</sup> it will be revealed. B. That which is Privately Discussed will be Publicly Declared V53

Not only our actions and deeds will be uncovered but also our words. Our gossips, lies, and back biting. In the wanderings of the children of Israel they were often condemned for their murmuring. That Low tone grumbling is a prime example of what will be exposed in the judgment. This word closet is an innermost room in the house where supplies were kept, a pantry. No whisper into the ear is safe from exposure. Jesus often what others were thinking around him. Example Paralytic here by him <sup>this</sup>

should cause us to tremble in fear! Math 12:36. Jesus is speaking to his disciples! <sup>⑤</sup> concerning the final judgment. I have relatively few years of Bible study

II. The Fear of Distresses V54 - Although Christ used the conjunction "and" to connect to the previous discussion, He begins to tell his friends what not to fear. These are words of <sup>troubling times ahead</sup> comfort concerning

A. Fear Not for the Security of Men - I have to admit these 5 words "them that kill the body" seem so foreign to me. Almost unthinkable. I could have readily identified if it were "laugh + sneer" "that ridicule + doubt" "that discount + act snooty toward" But Kill the body? We live in such a blessed nation. We know nothing of first hand martyrdom. Just recently



- 1) ...plainly, God is a God to be feared. What does it mean to fear God? Does it mean to live in a terrified state before an all powerful God that could crush you at any moment for any reason? I don't believe so. As I read and understand the scriptures, I have learned that my relationship to God could be best described by my relationship to my father as a child. I had healthy fear of my Dad. I knew my Dad loved and cared for me, but I also knew to fear his wrath toward disobedience and disrespect. All of humanity should have a healthy fear of God and I see in this text three insights into the subject of fear.
- 2) ..."all has been discovered flee at once. All five fled London immediately.
- 3) ...no matter how clever, it will be revealed. **Hebrews 4:13**  
Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- 4) **Matthew 12:36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
- 5) ...few years of Bible study under my belt. I admit that I have a limited knowledge of Bible prophecy. But these verses right here are enough to put the fear of God into both sinner and saint!

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2) **John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

3) **Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **Romans 8:38-39** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4) ...had any kind of love for man then he would tell them about the burning fires of eternal judgment!

I heard of a church in Northern Nigeria that was established by 30 muslim converts just a few years ago. Now there are only 3 alive today. They meet once a month and put their life at risk in doing so. But we are either blessed or backslidden.

Maybe we have not stood atop enough housetops of public proclamation with the truth. <sup>1</sup> ~~Lenard Rasmussen~~  
B. "Fear Not" because of the Security of God.

Nevertheless, Christ says "fear Not." "Fear Not" These Holy Ghost inspired words from the pen of Luke, have ~~so~~ often been the dying confessions of Christ's Martyrs. Of whom this world was not worthy! They can kill the body but the line is drawn right there. No Further! God is

the security of the soul. Life does not end at mortal death! External life cannot be wrestled out of the hands of Almighty God.

John 10: 28 <sup>2</sup> When the tide turns in this nation, and the sound of muslim prayer time rings across the land, "Fear Not Christian!"

Romans 8: 35, 38-39 <sup>3</sup> He is the possessor of our souls.

III. The Fear of Damnation vs 5 - I was talking to a go worker about his church. When talking about his preacher he said "He's not a hell fire + damnation King of preacher but he's a love preacher. If he had any kind

A. A Directive to His Friends vs 5 Jesus is warning his friends on who to fear. He told them not to fear men, but to fear God. He is commanding them to fear God! This seems so foreign to our <sup>1st</sup> century



church where God is my buddy my pal my  
chum. But we are told to fear Him, to reverence Him.  
But this directive to fear is in regards to sinful  
man. We are admonished to fear God for what  
he has power to do to his foes. He can kill &  
cast into hell! We should fear for their souls. Eternal  
souls that will perish if they will not repent  
An atheist once said that Christians don't  
really believe in hell, because if they did they  
would constantly running up & down the streets warning

B. A Declaration to His Foes vs 5 - This is a  
plain threat toward those that are not the friends  
of Christ. Those that are by default his foes.  
Jesus said that ye are either for me or against  
me. There is no middle ground, wheat or tares  
sheep or goats. For those that are his foes, judg-  
ment awaits, hell awaits. God has the power to  
kill and cast into hell. Hell is a place of unquench-  
ing torment of fire, Hell is a place of knowing and rem-  
embrance. The foes of God have broken His laws,  
rebelled against the call for repentance. "Will  
not the judge of all the earth to right? Because  
God is just there is a Hell. Hell is reasonable

IV Closing - you do not have to remain the  
foe of Christ. Be reconciled to God by  
the Cross. Receive God's payment for sin in the  
precious blood of Christ as your own payment for sin.  
I was involved as a witness in a capital murder case. All  
the evidence & witnesses and jury deliberation... <sup>No</sup> Deliberation  
in that day!

- 1) ...running up and down the streets warning, begging and pleading with every one to miss out on this terrible fate.